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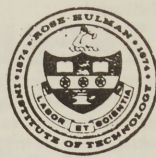
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KENNEDY TO VISIT ROSE

Padraic M. Kennedy, among the first members of the Peace Corps staff, former director of VISTA and currently president of the "new town" concept of Columbia, Md., will be on the campus of Rose-Hulman the week of Feb. 9 as the school's second Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

Dr. Thomas Mason, Woodrow Wilson coordinator on campus, is working with a committee of faculty members and students which is planning the week of activities for Kennedy. He will lecture in a number of classes, present one lecture open to the public and be scheduled for a number of small group discussions with students, faculty, fraternities, etc.

Purpose of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow program is to send experts of a wide variety of fields to selected college and university campuses to share their experience and ideas with students. Jack W. Lydman, former U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, was on campus for a week in this capacity during early November.

Kennedy received his B.A. degree with distinction from Columbia University, after serving two years with the U.S. Army in Europe. He holds an M.A. degree in American History from the University of Wisconsin, where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. He was awarded a University of Wisconsin teaching fellowship in 1959; the Woodrow Wilson Research Fellowship in 1960; and the University of Wisconsin Fellowship in 1960.

He was one of the first ten Peace Corps staff members appointed by Sargent Shriver. Joining the Peace Corps on the first day, he set up the agency's early training programs. Later, as Director of Volunteer Support, he organized support programs for 10,000 Peace Corps Volunteers serving in 46 countries around the world. When President Johnson appointed Sargent Shriver Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in November, 1964, Kennedy went with Shriver to



Woodrow Wilson visiting fellow, Padraic M. Kennedy.

help design Volunteers in Service to America's (VISTA) basic policies and programs. He was named Director of VISTA in 1968 after serving as deputy director for three years.

Kennedy, a native New Yorker, is married to the former Ellen Conroy of New York City, and has one child, Oliver. The Kennedys live in Columbia, Maryland.

He was a founder of the Georgetown University Community Action Program, he is also on the Board of Trustees of Georgetown University's College Orientation Program for disadvantaged ghetto children; the Metropolitan Health Skills Center; and the Compeers, Inc., an interracial community service program for high school students.

Since 1972 Kennedy has been the first full-time president of the non-profit Columbia Association, which administers a wide range of community facilities, amenities and programs in Columbia. He came to Columbia from Boise Cascade Development Corporation where he served as vice president and a director of the company's Center for Community Development.

The Columbia Association which Kennedy heads is expected to own and administer an estimated \$27 million in properties by Columbia's scheduled completion in 1980. It is supported through an annual assessment paid by all Columbia property owners—residential, commercial, business and industrial.

Pre-school education programs are administered through the Association, and directing a system of internal public transportation is also the Association's charge. Pathways, parks, tot lots, lakes, ponds, other open spaces, public meeting rooms in neighborhood centers, and a number of recreational and educational programs also come under the Association's direction.

Thorn Announcement
The student opinion poll of teaching will be administered during the week of Feb. 9.

BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

TECHNOLOGY AT THE TURNING POINT

by Jeff Cox
THORN News Editor

The program for the Rose-Hulman Bicentennial Conference on American Technology scheduled for April 1-3, 1976, is now complete. Dr. Pickett and Dr. Haigh, who are coordinating the conference, have arranged quite an impressive list of guest speakers. Opening the conference on Thursday evening, April 2, will be the Charlie Chaplin film "Modern Times." This is perhaps Chaplin's best film and is a satire on mass production and its effects on the lives of factory workers.

Leading off the list of speakers on Thursday evening will be Dr. Victor Ferkiss, professor of government at Georgetown University and an authority on the future of American technology.

Then on Friday morning, Dr. Thomas Parke Hughes will address an assembly on "California White Coal." Dr. Hughes is professor of the History of Technology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Not to leave women out of the technology scene, Dr. Ruth Schwartz Cowan will speak on "Women and Technology in American Life." Dr. Cowan is Associate Professor of History at State University of New York.

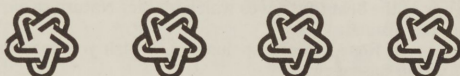
Dr. Joseph Weizenbaum, Professor of Computer Science

at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will speak on "Computers and Hope."

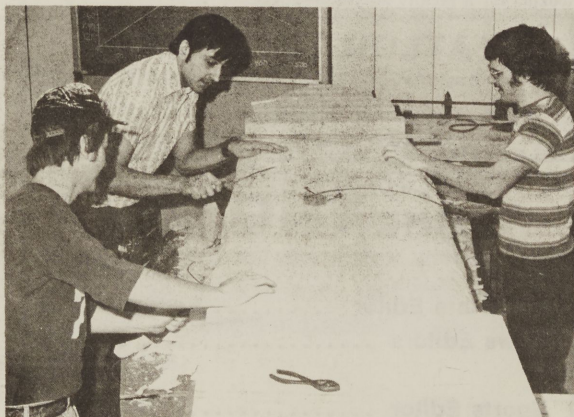
Other speakers scheduled to fill out the program are: Dr. Paul Horwitz, Congressional Fellow of the American Physical Society assigned to the office of Senator Edward Kennedy; Mr. Melvin Kranzberg, professor of History at Georgia Tech; Henry P. Caulfield, professor of Political Science at Colorado State University; Dr. Richard Schmidt, geologist for the Electrical Power Research Institute; and John Marlin, entomologist and Executive Director of the Coalition on American Rivers.

Rose-Hulman's bicentennial technology conference will be looking at how technology has developed, where it is now, and where it is expected to go. There is no charge for attendance during the conference and students are encouraged to attend.

This conference is made possible by a matching grant from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the assistance of the Poynter Center on the Public and American Institutions at Indiana University. The conference is sponsored by the Rose-Hulman Bicentennial Committee; Division of Humanities, Social and Life Sciences; and Center for Technology Assessment and Policy Studies.



Rose Students are Making a C.C.F. for a C.C.C.



Left to right: Bill Price, Dennis Basile and Jeff Mueller. Photo by Keck.

That's right, America, a concrete canoe form. The Rose chapter of the ASCE is going to once again sponsor a concrete canoe. Chairman Dennis Basile has been working on design and construction techniques since October. This version of the concrete canoe has been described as being of a more competitive

design than previous models.

The completed canoe will weigh a mere 140 pounds, carry two able-bodied canoeists, and win. Anyone interested in participating in the construction or races, contact Box 663.

And you thought Civils only built bridges!

Eastern Express Sponsors Run

The Eastern Express Run, a 20-kilometer cross country race co-sponsored by the Wabash Valley Pacemakers and Eastern Express, Inc., a motor carrier maintaining its corporate headquarters in Terre Haute, will be held May 1 in conjunction with the Tony Hulman Classic, according to Dick Harland, chairman of the 1976 Eastern Express Run.

The runners' race, formulated by the Pacemakers, a local runners' organization, was initialized in Terre Haute on May 10 last year, attracting more than 90 participants, amateur runners both in-state and non-Indiana residents.

"Our race is still in its growing stages, and with our planning and program to join the two festivals for 1976, we anticipate an even greater participation for the event this year," commented Harland. "There have been some adjustments, including an earlier starting time for the run, 8 a.m. And, to coincide with the Hulman Classic, our course has been re-

routed."

According to Harland, a veteran runner and a participant in last year's Eastern Express Run, the 1976 race will again be started at the Terre Haute Action Dragway. The finish line, however, will be positioned at the Terre Haute Action Track.

The Tony Hulman Classic, a 40-lap USAC sprint car race attracting hundreds of race enthusiasts and offering one of the largest purses on the sprint car racing circuit, is nationally televised by the American Broadcasting Corporation and ABC Wide World of Sports. In joining the Hulman Classic festivities, the winner of the Eastern Express Run will be presented the grand prize award during opening ceremonies of the Tony Hulman Classic at 1:30 p.m. on May 1.

"We hope that combining the two events will increase the interest in both of these local sporting events," concluded Pacemaker race chairman Harland.

An Editorial

THE SIZE OF CLASSES

Can you remember why you chose to come to Rose? What were your reasons? Was one of them that you thought small classes would be advantageous to your learning? It was one of mine.

Looking back on my senior year of high school when I toured the Rose campus it was explained to me that the size of classes at Rose is limited, and this was evidenced by the approximately twenty-student class size of freshman calculus courses. This was fine, I thought, and it did influence my decision.

Since I've been at Rose, I've been in classes that were small and some that weren't so small. Where small stops and big begins is debatable; however, I think few people at Rose could say twenty is small. Nevertheless, that is approximately how many are in the Electro-mechanical Energy Conversion section this quarter. In last spring's Modern Physics course there were ninety students in one section! And there are other courses where the same is true.

Continually, the faculty and administration search for ways to improve the educational process. This can be evidenced by the advance registration system and the audio-visual assist system being experimented with in the Material Science courses this quarter. However, I don't understand why the problem (if you agree that one exists) of large classes hasn't been assaulted more directly. It's very difficult to dispute the advantages of smaller classes, and we're all interested in improving education.

By now you may be thinking, there's one simple solution, break the classes down and offer more sections. The counter for that statement is "what you say is fine, but it would require a bigger faculty and we can't afford it." This is usually where the thought process stops, the situation is termed hopeless, and then forgotten. But the problem is still there and it is not going to correct itself.

Randal A. Ridgway Associate Editor

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Seeing the pictures on the first page of the January 23 THORN certainly brought back memories of many pleasant hours spent in Buckner's Cave. When I was an undergraduate at Rose in '56 and '57 we had a very active spelunking club. You can even see pictures of our group in the MODULUS. We explored and mapped many caves and even made a few discoveries. As a matter of fact, I must correct some of the information in the article. Wayne Cave, near Buckner's, has been known for many years. It was not discovered in 1960 or 1961 as stated in the article. In the mid 1950's the 1000-ft. crawlway from the old part of Wayne Cave was penetrated to open up the new part, sometimes referred to as "Lost Cave." Late in 1956 near the end of a grueling 15-hour exploration trip which took us as far as American Bottoms, I discovered a small opening off the stream passage near Camp I. Since we were far too exhausted to do any more exploring and some of us were to have a first hour class (which was only three hours away!) that morning, we noted the find and returned to the Rose campus. It was a few weeks later when the RPI group returned and entered the virgin cave which is now called the RPI Discovery. Those who have seen this portion of the cave will agree that it is the most interesting part of the cave.

During the semester break in 1957, Robert "Bugs" Armstrong, EE-57, Harry Brown, EE-59, Dave Fassburg, EE-59, and I ('57) spent seven days and nights in the cave mapping and exploring. Most of the map of Wayne Cave in use today is a result of this expedition.

It would have been appropriate to comment on the extensive vandalism apparent in the second picture in the article. Such defacement of our natural environment is inexcusable. Shame on those who violate the natural beauty of the cave by scrawling their name on the walls. It's my hope that no one will ever find a Rose-Hulman student's name in any of the beautiful caves which Mother Nature so carelessly has left lying around.

Finally, to all Rose-Hulman spelunkers, I wish you good luck and miles of virgin passageway.

Yours truly,
John H. Derry
Electrical Engineering Dept.

I am glad that you enjoyed our feature on the cave exploration and we stand enlightened on our discovery dates, thank you.

As a matter of fact, I did make a half hearted effort to put down the idiots who might have vandalized the cave, but now in retrospect I think a more harsh comment would have been in order. I am certain, however, that none of the markings are the act of a Rose student.

There are a number of students on campus who are extremely excited about starting a spelunking club on campus; perhaps they are looking for a faculty advisor!—T.A.S.

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Stage Set for 1976
Presidential Primaries

By Bob McCarty

The 1976 Presidential campaign is well under way, marked by a record number of primary elections. 29 to 30 primary elections will be held before the national conventions in the summer, up from only 16 primaries in 1960.

Iowa was the first step for many candidates. On January 19, local party caucuses were held in Iowa to choose delegates to the state convention. At the state convention, delegates will be chosen to the national conventions. Former Georgia governor Jimmy Carter scored a victory by leading second place finisher Indiana Senator Birch Bayh by an impressive 2 to 1 margin. President Ford led former California Governor Ronald Reagan for the Republican nomination.

The first real test of presidential hopefuls will occur on February 24 in New Hampshire. New Hampshire has the first presidential primary election, and will indicate the various candidates relative strength. On the Democratic side, a strong showing in New Hampshire could build momentum for a candidate, and this could help primary efforts in other states. In addition, the increased exposure by the media would aid the recognition of a candidate. This would be extremely valuable to many of the Democrats, who remain virtual unknowns to a great segment of the public. Although a New Hampshire win in itself would not be of major importance at the Democratic convention in New York this summer, the fact that it is the first primary has caused many candidates to devote a large portion of their time into an attempt to make a strong showing in that state.

The New Hampshire primary is also of importance with regard to the Republican candidates. Ronald Reagan has spent much of his time on a large campaign swing through the state, and has

generated much enthusiasm among New Hampshire Republicans. On the other hand, President Ford has planned only a few personal appearances. The President's strategy will be to stress the importance of incumbency by giving the appearance of a President hard at work in Washington. Reagan's goal is to score at least 40% of the vote. A Reagan victory in New Hampshire would mean that President Ford's election campaign is in serious trouble, and could cause many of the nation's Republican leaders, who have remained neutral, to feel free to support Reagan.

The month of March will see many key primaries. Bayh, Udall, Harris and Carter are among the front runners for the March 2 Massachusetts primary. Sargent Shriver will try to use his Kennedy ties to achieve a strong showing, while anti-busing sentiment in Boston could give George Wallace a boost. Another key primary on March 9 in Florida will test Wallace against Jimmy Carter. Other Democrats have little planned in Florida, leaving the Democratic primary basically a two-way race. If Carter fails to cut deeply into the Wallace vote, his campaign may be in trouble. Republican candidates Ford and Reagan are well organized for the Florida primary, although Reagan has much support among Florida Republicans. Many observers feel that President Ford must beat Reagan in Florida to stay in the race. Hubert Humphrey, who has not formally announced his intentions for 1976, will be under pressure to register for the California primary. Deadline for filing for the June 8 primary is March 14.

On May 4, George Wallace will challenge Birch Bayh in Indiana and Jimmy Carter in Georgia. If Bayh and Carter fail to win in their home states, their chances

for winning the nomination will be slim. Wallace is popular in both states, and actually carried Georgia in the 1968 Presidential campaign as a third party candidate.

The spotlight will be on California on June 8. Although New Jersey and Ohio have primaries on the same date, Democratic candidates will concentrate on California. California will send 280 delegates to the Democratic convention on July 12. In addition, California awards its delegates by proportion to the number of votes a candidate receives. This means that a candidate can have a relatively poor showing at the polls, yet be awarded a few delegates. Hubert Humphrey may enter the California primary in an attempt to show widespread support among voters. The Minnesota senator is hoping for a deadlock at the convention, and being the compromise candidate. A win in California would certainly help his chances.

The Democratic convention in New York City will mark the end of the campaign for all but one candidate. A first ballot victory is highly probable. Several ballots will probably be needed and Democratic leaders are contemplating starting the balloting in the afternoon to take full advantage of television coverage. Should a deadlock develop, it is thought that Minnesota senator Hubert Humphrey will emerge as the Democratic nominee for President. The Republican convention on August 16 in Kansas City will be less spectacular. Many observers believe that whoever fails to receive the most delegates at the convention will withdraw from the race. After both candidates have been selected, the decision will then lie with the public as to who is to become the nation's next president.

The Marshall Research Foundation

How would you like to spend five weeks or more in another college community getting credit for independent research and having your transportation, room, board, and incidental expenses paid by a Foundation?

One fortunate Rose-Hulman student will receive a George C. Marshall Research Foundation Scholarship to undertake his own project at the George C. Marshall Library in Lexington, Virginia. The program, which is funded by the Lilly Endowment, is designed to enable one student from each of the nineteen colleges in the Continuing Conference for the Liberal Arts to have the opportunity of working independently on a project chosen by the student and a professor at his college. Although the staff of the Marshall Library will be available to help the stu-

dent, supervision of the research and the awarding of a grade and credits will be done by the professor here at Rose-Hulman.

The Marshall Foundation is dedicated to the memory of General George Catlett Marshall, one of the most distinguished soldiers and statesmen of our history. General Marshall's outstanding career spanned the eras from World War I through the Korean Conflict and included positions as Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State, as well as his achievement of rank of five-star general. According to the Foundation's brochure, it is "dedicated to the study of the perplexing military, political, international, and economic problems of the mid-twentieth century, the manner in which Marshall dealt with those pro-

blems, and the effects of those problems and decisions on today's world."

Topics for possible study at the Marshall Foundation fall under general headings of military history, diplomatic history, the Marshall Plan, the Cold War, propaganda, and cryptography. The library contains Marshall's papers, books, periodicals, donated manuscripts, official files, photographs, maps, posters, and other materials. It is adjacent to a museum dedicated to General Marshall's career.

Lexington, Virginia, is also the home of three other fine museums, Washington and Lee University, and Virginia Military Institute. All of these facilities, combined with the Shenandoah Valley community itself, seem to promise an exciting, educational experience.

Sweet Gives Encoreless Concert



Crowds enjoyed Eric Carmen last Friday night, while Sweet failed to return for an encore.

The New Rose

A new breed of students is developing at Rose — a band of break-away, tough, cosmopolitan, adaptable, daring, work-hard-play-hard individualists—an international jet set. Breaking away from the stereotype of the rut-following, calculator-diddling, home-town-tied, meat-and-potatoes-eating, never-dare-anything knurd, they are equally at home cruising Piccadilly Circus in London, sampling fine wines at a Parisian restaurant, dancing at a Moscow outdoor-dance-hall, or whipping off a lab report at Rose.

This year the international engineering jet set is off to London first on Monday, July 27. They may eat at "Dirty Dick's," the "Hoop and Grapes," or "Tubby Isaac's," they could visit Henry VIII's wine cellar, the speakers' corner at Hyde Park, the Tate Gallery, the Houses of Parliament; at night, of course, a play—an Agatha Christie thriller, a real Shakespeare, or perhaps "Oh, Calcutta," which will probably still be running.

After London, who knows? A week of free time to explore on their own. Ireland and the revolution? Holland? Denmark? Sweden? (Is it true what they say about Swedish girls? I mean, do most of them really speak English?) Or Paris, after hydrofoiling across the English Channel? One of last year's jet setters recommends Place Pigalle at night—the girls in very short miniskirts aren't your average

Parisian housewives—he went there twice. To look! Another jet setter recommends just walking the Champs Elysees or the Boulevard St. Michel without forgetting to stop at those quaint sidewalk cafes for an espresso. At the Louvre the new international engineering jet setters will find out why art is important. At the Bastille they will see where freedom erupted. Before they leave, most of them will buy some perfume for a girl back

home.

Finally on Sunday, July 4, they will be at their summer stomping grounds—the most romantic city in Europe, the city that Metternich called "the gateway to Asia,"—Vienna—a complex of Baroque palaces and administrative offices, a center of music, medicine, and science. Vienna besides offering over fifty museums on such subjects as army history, weapons, firefighting equipment, clocks, and technical inventions as well as the more conventional ones on art, will prove to the new breed that it is a sportsman's paradise. Possible are hunting, rowing, sailing, hiking, mountain climbing (There is even a special training school at Hohe Wand.), horse racing at Freudenau, and even airplane gliding with fifty special glider fields around Vienna. Some of our break-away Rose men may even try (I shudder to think of it!) roulette or baccara at the casino Cercle Vien in the Esterhazy Palace. Others will undoubtedly rent a car and dare (I shudder again!) the nineteen percent grade on a road through the Alps. Evening will find most in a famous Viennese coffee house, an outdoor-winegarden, a discotheque like the Voom Voom Club or Jazz Bei Freddy, a free concert at the Volksgarten or a light opera at the Theater an der Wien.

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OFF THE RECORD

By Bruce Palansky
& Dale Martin

This is the first in a series of articles designed to provide you, the Rose student, with timely, pertinent and concise information on albums carefully selected from the veritable plethora of new releases continually appearing on the shelves of the various and sundry local Lydiaian places of purveyance.

Queen's fourth album, "Night at the Opera" seems to be highly oriented in the "kinky 40's" vein introduced in Bring Back Leroy Brown from "Sheer Heart Attack." The tightly harmonized vocals are still prevalent and strong, but they seem to have lost the sharp electric edge that distinguished their guitar work on their first albums. There are definitely some very fine moments on the album, but they pass too quickly, leaving the listener waiting for the sustained high energy that typified past performances. "Night at the Opera" is unmistakably Queen and although it seems that some of the relentless hard-driving energy has shorted out, it's still worth listening to.

"Desire" establishes the fact that Dylan is back after several years' absence and can still generate the same quality that is uniquely "Dylan." He makes the transition from the 60's without being nostalgic, but simple relevant. This album continues the style of "Blood on the Tracks." He fills out his sound by adding Emmy Lou Harris on backing vocals and Scarlet Rivera on violin. Jacques Levy shares much of the writing on this album. The lyrics are more tangible than earlier writings.

THORN MOVIE REVIEW

The Hindenburg

By Mark Alspaugh

Ann Bancroft and George C. Scott star in "The Hindenburg," now showing at the Indiana Theatre. The movie utilizes newsreel film of the explosion and burning of the German airship at Lakehurst, N.J., in 1937.

The cause of the catastrophe was never established, but a few years ago a writer by the name of Michael M. Moonew devised a theory that the ship was sabotaged by a member of the crew who was acting for the anti-Nazi underground in Germany. The film tried to play on Moonew's theory, but the effort was poor.

The film did contain many beautiful and technically ingenious shots showing a model of the great airship sailing grandly through all sorts of weather and cloud conditions. It also contained many detailed recreations of the craft's interior which included the 804-ft. long canvas hull where the volatile hydrogen that kept the thing afloat was stored.

Alerted to the possibility of sabotage, the Nazis place Scott, a Luftwaffe colonel, aboard as a security officer. As the only good guy the movie's got, Scott must be portrayed as an anti-Nazi sympathetic to the point of finally becoming virtually a co-conspirator with Boerth (William Atherton).

The eventual destruction of the Hindenburg is rather artfully managed through a blending of newsreel footage and well-matched black-and-white fictional material showing what happened to the movie's characters during the explosion. But, the technique is what holds our attention and not the drama.

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Off the Mat

Interview by Jeff Cox



Dale Gobreski (left) inspects the bandaged hand of Link Llewellyn. "But Coach, I swear, I'm injured." — Photo by Cox



Engineers score (once) against Illinois College.

Photo by P. Hahn

Tim Bays Appears in Mind Garden

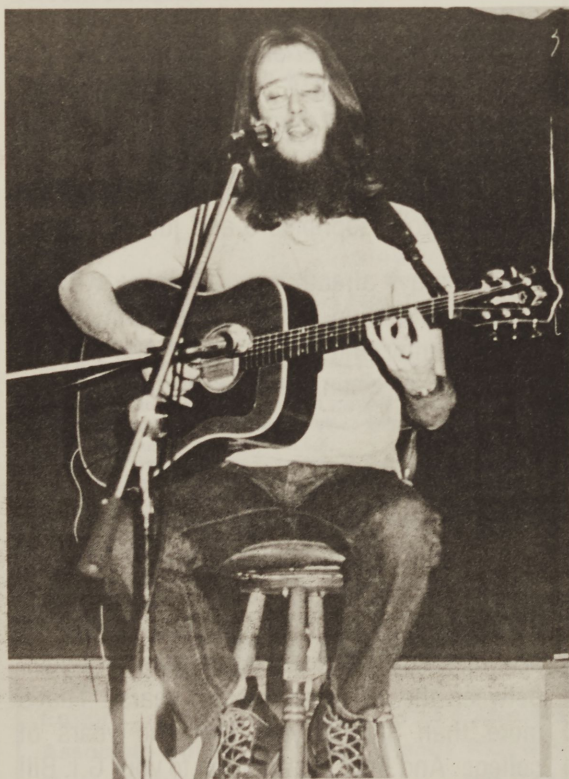


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"C'mon, straighten your knees up! It doesn't matter what everybody else does." This week's Thorn interview takes you to the wrestling practice room at Schulte High School here in Terre Haute. Dale Gobreski, a Rose-Hulman junior electrical engineer, is for the second consecutive year helping coach Schulte's wrestling team.

We asked Dale why he is helping coach a high school team. He said, "Get around behind him, Russell! I spent four years here wrestling, and I don't want to waste it." Dale was graduated from Schulte in 1973 with four years of varsity wrestling under his belt (or would we say, on the mat?).

Dale receives nothing monetary in the way of payment for helping coach. Dale explained that he gets a feeling of satisfaction from knowing that he has something he can give to someone else. It takes away from study time, being at practice or a meet for a few hours every night, but if he has a test to study for he doesn't have to be there. "My grades might drop a point or two because of it, but I think it's well worth it." Dale went on to say, "Frank (the head coach) needs the help, and I think it's worth the sacrifice. It's an experience I wouldn't miss for anything."

With that, it was time to do some wrestling. Between sessions of the interview Dale wrestled Schulte's heavyweight, Moose, so we talked to some of

the other wrestlers. Some of the more interesting comments came from two of the light wrestlers, Bob Short and Link Llewellyn. "Dale is pretty good when he knows somebody is watching him. He usually gets creamed by Moose." From the other corner came the remark, "Moose is whispering Polock jokes to him while they're wrestling."

The wrestlers evidently make a lot of cracks about Dale's Polish descent. We asked Dale about that later. Defending himself, he said: "It's not that I like being called Polock, but that I can stand being called Polock. I'm not what you call me because you call me that—I am what you call me because I am that." (Five points for Mr. Gobreski!)

Dale mentioned in the interview the many wrestlers who have come back to their old teams after graduation to help their team—Dale being one of them. "I've been to several matches and met some of my old buddies saying, 'Hey, I remember wrestling you.'" Through the matches, Dale tells us, he really goes through a lot of anguish. Your wrestler is out on the mat and in the same position you had been before. He did what you wouldn't have and is losing. "You almost want to jump out on the mat and do it right for him."

Why wrestling? Dale explained, "It's valuable in learning to live with people. There's more to learn than in the books at Rose."

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